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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

All-Americans

Senior Myles Burnside was named to the AFCA All-American team on Tuesday morning. Daktronics also named him second-team All-American along with senior running back LaRon Council. Sophomore receiver Jake Soy and junior offensive lineman Brett Grozinger were named to the first-team. Soy was the top vote recipient at the receiver position.

Watch party

Bearcats football fans are invited to watch the National Championship game on Saturday.

The J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom will boast large projector screens, free food and drinks and door prizes.

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m., kickoff is set for noon.

COMMUNITY

MHS Football

Junior Gavin Talmage and senior Clint Thompson were named first team all-state on offense. Seniors Evan Johnson and Derek DeMott and junior Tyler Peve were named to the first-team on defense. Head coach Chris Holt was selected as coach of the year.

Carols Service

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold its sixteenth annual Lessons and Carols Service at 7:15 p.m., Fri. Dec. 11 at Ninth and Main St.

The service will feature readings, along with vocal and instrumental music.

BEARCATS

Friday

- Indoor Track at Iowa State Holiday Preview in Ames, Iowa
- Indoor Track at Nebraska-Kearney Heptathlon/Pentathlon in Kearney, Neb.

Saturday

- Men's Basketball vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
- Women's Basketball vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 5:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
- Indoor Track at Nebraska Kearney Heptathlon/Pentathlon in Kearney, Neb.
- Football vs. Grand Valley State at noon in Florence, Ala., for the National Championship. The game will be televised on ESPN.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday

- Freshmen Boys' Basketball at Tarkio, 7 p.m.
- Freshmen Girls' Basketball at Tarkio, 6 p.m.
- Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Benton at home, 5 p.m.

Friday

- Freshmen Boys' Basketball at Cameron, 6:30 p.m.
- Freshmen Girls' Basketball at Cameron, 5:30 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Hamilton at home, 6 p.m.

Saturday

- Varsity Wrestling at Smithville Tournament at 9 a.m.

Monday

- Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. South Harrison at home, 7 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. South Harrison at home, 5:30 p.m.

WINTER WEATHER | JACK FROST STRIKES AGAIN



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STUDENT CHAZ LYLE helps a fellow student get his car unstuck in the Phillips parking lot. Maryville got eight inches of snow as well as a Wind Chill Advisory which caused the University to close the campus down yesterday.

Blizzard blows through community

By Greg Miller
News Editor

This week's blizzard forced commuters to change their normal routines.

While schools across Maryville closed yesterday, at Northwest there was still plenty of work to be done after this week's snowstorm.

"We still have to have essential employees at work: dining service, heating and cooling, custodial workers," Clarence Green, director of University Police, said. "Although we're closed, we're still really open, we have roughly 2,700 students still on campus."

Total accumulation from the storm ranged from six to eight inches of snow.

Northwest officials analyze each snowstorm before making call to cancel classes. They research absentee rates among students, and likely absentee rates among faculty and staff, all while keeping safety the main priority.

Most restaurants in the J.W. Jones Student Union remained open for students.

Green said they still maintain officers when the University is closed for weather to help the school's population through the storm.

"Safety is so important, so we try to maintain that safety with the appropriate number of officers on duty," he said. "We shut down because there was nothing we could do to keep ahead of the game."

Communication is key during a snow emergency, and University officials hope to learn from this week's storm in order to better responses in the future.

"For students who are here their first year, we have to make sure we still have clear lines of communication," Green said.

A striking difference between this storm and the ice storm two years ago, is the influence of text messaging.

"Two years ago texting wasn't an option, now we can do that," he said.

Students received text messages through the Bearcat Alert system between 2:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Wednesday. E-mails weren't sent until several hours later.

Maryville R-II and

St. Gregory's are closed again today because of the inclement weather, as are many schools across the region as bitter cold temperatures sweep the Midwest.

Across northwest Missouri, an accident shut down part of I-29 in Andrew County for nearly two hours from an accident involving two semi trucks.

MODOT also shut down I-29 for nine hours Tuesday night and Wednesday morning after road conditions and visibility deteriorated.

The City of Maryville also activated its snow ordinance to help snow plows clear streets faster.

In Iowa, the weather was even worse and

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INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS

Foreign students celebrate the holiday's traditions

By Kylie Guier
Asst. News Editor

The traditions of the holiday season are common to Americans. Hanging lights, decorating the tree and watching movies like "Rudolph" are just some of the things college students can be found doing this time of year, but what about our international students?

The University has students from 36 countries

around the world, such as Holland and China. With so many different cultures, America's holiday season is often a brand new experience for these students.

Manal Bennaciri is a senior from Morocco, a country in North Africa. She has been studying advertising at the University for the past four years. Christmas is not celebrated in her home country, but that has not stopped Bennaciri from

enjoying the holiday season.

"It was a new experience to celebrate Christmas," Bennaciri said. "I love Christmas, everything is so beautiful especially when I go to big cities in New York or California. I love Christmas and I think it is fun."

Bennaciri said over the years some of her American friends have invited her to their Christmas celebrations and exchanged gifts.

She said it is always a fun experience.

Back home her family celebrates holy days like Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr. Ramadan is the Islamic month of fasting where Muslims ask forgiveness for past sins and pray for guidance. She said it can be hard being away from her family during these times.

"I wish my family was

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NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT

Military journey overseas leads crew chief to classroom

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Missourian Reporter

Many challenges, choices and journeys are faced and conquered throughout every individual's life. Some are greater than others, but all are unique in their own way. We can apply this concept to every day life here; every student has a story, all come from different backgrounds.

Brian Hunter is a non-traditional student, who served six years in the mili-

tary; two and a half of which were overseas in South Korea and Iraq.

Hunter joined the army in June 2000, where he was shipped to basic training in Fort Jackson, S.C. He was then trained to be a Blackhawk Helicopter Mechanic and deployed to Fort Hood, Texas. It was at Fort Hood where Hunter saw one of his first real military scare, Sept. 11, 2001.

"I didn't know what was going on. I came off the range and there's like

sixty people in a group all on cell phones," Hunter said. "It pretty much felt like the world was coming to an end. It was a pretty crappy day, we had no idea what was going on until our commander told us."

After his stance in Ft. Hood, Hunter got his first opportunity for overseas action while enlisted. This action came in South Korea, where Hunter flew helicopters as a crew chief for various military high-ranking officials and celebrities who

visited South Korea.

"Korea was a blast. I got to fly all sorts of cool people like the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders...hot, very hot. I got to fly a lot of top people," said Hunter.

After Korea, Hunter, like many other enlisted soldiers of the past decade, was shipped to Iraq.

"I went to Bald, Iraq, it was hell on earth," Hunter said. "We got bordered every day. You hear the siren

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FRESHMAN BRIAN HUNTER is a non-traditional student who served six years in the military touring in South Korea and Iraq.

HOMECOMING

Alumnus excited to return to fill University job opening

By Kylie Guier
Asst. News Editor

A former Northwest Missourian editor-in-chief returns to Northwest, this time coordinating some of his successors.

Starting in January, Mark Hornickel will officially take over as news bureau manager. As a Northwest alum, he said he is excited to return to his alma mater.

"I thought it was kind of the perfect career opportunity for me," Hornickel said.

"I'm really excited to come back to Northwest. I knew I would regret it if I didn't at least apply."

As the news bureau manager, Hornickel is responsible for collecting and disseminating timely information to media outlets, writing press releases for the University, writing and editing University publications and setting up press conferences.

Hornickel graduated in 2001 and spent most of his college career working in student publications. He was

a reporter and managing editor. He was editor-in-chief of the Northwest Missourian for two years.

"I was sports editor my sophomore year which was when Northwest won its first national championship," Hornickel said. "So that was pretty exciting."

Since graduation, Hornickel has worked as a reporter for newspapers. He started at a small newspaper in Illinois and moved up to Kenosha, Wisconsin seven years ago to work for the

Kenosha News.

"Primarily I've been covering crime, courts and law enforcement type things," Hornickel said. "I also worked a little bit in entertainment and features and helped out with its web content."

Vice president of Student Affairs, Jackie Elliot headed the selection committee and said the members went through all of the applications to see who met the minimum requirements. It was eventually narrowed

down to three candidates.

"We had three candidates that clearly rose to the top and exceeded the minimum qualifications we asked for," Elliot said. "It was an extremely tough decision."

Each candidate was asked to submit samples of their written work for the committee to review.

After numerous interviews with the committee and University Relations, the committee's suggested candidate was submitted. The

ultimate decision was made by Tim McMahon. Hornickel was ultimately chosen.

"It was a long process but it was very good," Hornickel said.

He is grateful to return and said the opportunity to come back and contribute doing something he enjoys was an opportunity he could not pass up.

"I knew if it wasn't meant to be then it wouldn't happen," Hornickel said. "I applied and went through the process and here I am."

HOLIDAY TREE



photo by Lori Frankenfield | chief photographer

PRESIDENT JOHN JASINSKI and Student Senate President Erin Holm plug in the tree at the tree lighting ceremony at the Gaunt House. The Horace Mann School's Bearcat Choir sang Christmas carols in honor of the 30-foot tree being lit.

ALABAMA PARTY

Students, faculty, alumni invited to "The Bearcat Headquarters" for postgame party

By Cassie Thomas
Missourian Reporter

A change in venue won't prevent Bearcat fans from celebrating after this weekend's championship game.

The Alumni Association is hosting a postgame celebration in Florence that is complimentary for all Bearcat fans.

The event will be hosted in a new location this year: "The Bearcat Headquarters" - the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa Conference Center. The hotel is located at 800 Cox Creek Parkway South. Directions from the stadium can be found on the University Web site.

Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations, hopes

there will be a boost in attendance because the event is free, which is a change from the past four years.

"This is a chance to show gratitude to the team for their hard work," Sutton said.

"I hope people come out to celebrate because it really says something for the team, our school and our University to have our team in the National Championship five years in a row."

Fans will be able to experience the trophy presentation along with remarks from President John Jasinski Saturday, in a celebration that has become a tradition for some. Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma will introduce and honor the

team for their achievements. The Bearcat Marching Band will play the fight song and the Steppers and cheerleaders will also be present.

Sophomore Lyndsey Thompson, a member of the Bearcat Marching band, is looking forward to attending another championship game, tailgate and postgame celebration.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the reactions of the players after the game, especially if they win," Thompson said.

In years past, this celebration has been held in conjunction with commencement, but will not be this year because commencement is the following weekend.



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- Bob Dole-Gamma-Omicron (Kansas); Former Senator and Presidential Candidate R-Kansas

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Weather delays project for needy family; creates chance for others to help

By Mark Kauffman
Missourian Reporter

Poor weather conditions continue to delay Habitat for Humanity in its most recent project.

Habitat had hoped to prepare the site early where they will build their newest house. However, winter and lack of resources have delayed them.

"We going to get the slab down as soon as possible," Connie Fuller, resident of Habitat for Humanity of

Nodaway County, said.

Habitat representatives hope to start new construction next March.

The goal is to have the family moved into the new house by August, before school starts. The delay this Fall does not threaten that goal, according to Fuller.

Responsibility for the delay doesn't just fall to the weather, however. Habitat runs entirely off of donations and volunteer work, and they are always in need of more help.

While many local businesses and church groups donate time, money and effort into the project, the Nodaway County community is a big part of what makes Habitat work.

"If somebody sends us just \$5, that's \$5 we didn't have before," Fuller said.

In November, Lisa Puckett and her family were chosen as this year's family advocates with Habitat. They will help Habitat build them a new home.

Habitat does not simply

build houses and give them away. They help a family better their own situation.

While Habitat does provide the materials and the manpower, the Puckett family will put forward many hours of work into the actual construction of their own new home.

However, Puckett has already put plenty of time and effort into getting this house ready by going through the extensive application process.

"It's a long, complicated

process," Fuller said.

The process began with small town meetings for those interested. There they were given a packet and information on the project. Two weeks later, another meeting was held where hopefuls finished filling out their information packets.

From there, all 21 applicants went through the family selection committee. The committee went through the information and matched it with pre-set

criteria such as income and family size. After whittling it down to five candidates, the committee started doing house visits.

"It boils down to need and ability," Fuller said.

Part of the family selection process is a credit check. Families need to be reliable enough to support themselves in their new home. It's an important part of the whole process. Without it you'd be "setting them up for failure," Fuller said.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR



photo by mallory dahmer | missourian photographer

SHARA ZION SHOPS at the Holiday Bazaar Friday morning. The event took place at St. Francis Hospital last week. The hospital sold many holiday items to kick off the season and promote their gift store.

DRUNK DRIVING

Award allows Sheriff's Department to step-up their enforcement efforts

By Trey Williams
Missourian Reporter

and focus on reducing deaths and serious injuries caused by impaired drivers.

"I'd like to think we do this every day," White said. "I think it's a great idea, people need to accept that this is a problem."

"You Drink & Drive, You Lose" is a national campaign that began in 1999, combining highly visible law enforcement with public education about the consequences surrounding drinking and driving.

"We try and make sure people realize impaired driving is dangerous and that they should call a cab or have a designated-driver," Revere White, community relations specialist for the Missouri Department of Transportation, said.

White said they host year round events as well to promote awareness, but they really focus on the holiday season.

The department of transportation estimates that 160 to 180 sheriff agencies participating in the campaign this year.

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OUR VIEW

Remember true meaning of Christmas holiday

Every year, as the holiday season draws near, the American public is challenged to find the true meaning in Christmas. This year is no different.

Christmas, among other very important religious aspects, is a time for compassion and goodwill towards all of mankind. We see this as programs for giving to those less fortunate increase in attention. The holiday is also, of course, religious in nature, and is used to celebrate the

birth of Christ.

Today, however, it is no longer a Christian holiday, and there is little to no meaning in it whatsoever besides materialism fed by a consumer based society, the modern and excessive twist to the theory of the luxurious state.

First, Christ has been taken out of Christmas. For non-Christians, to celebrate the idea of the birth of Christ is absurd to say the least. And then for Christians and non-Christians alike

to substitute Santa Claus for Christ follows with this pattern of public absurdity, as parents encourage their children to believe in a fictional character who sneaks into the home in the dead of night to deliver presents for little boys and girls (if they are good that is). Later, as the child becomes older, reaches upon the cusp of rationalization and begins to ask how exactly Santa can shimmy down a chimney if there is no chimney in the house, the news must be

broken that no, this fat, jolly man does not, in fact, exist. The trust and the hearts of children across the world are broken, but easily forgotten as they still receive presents.

Second, Christmas to most is no longer about goodwill towards all mankind. Although more attention is given to helping those less fortunate during the holiday seasons, Thanksgiving and Christmas more specifically, goodwill is limited, and it is only

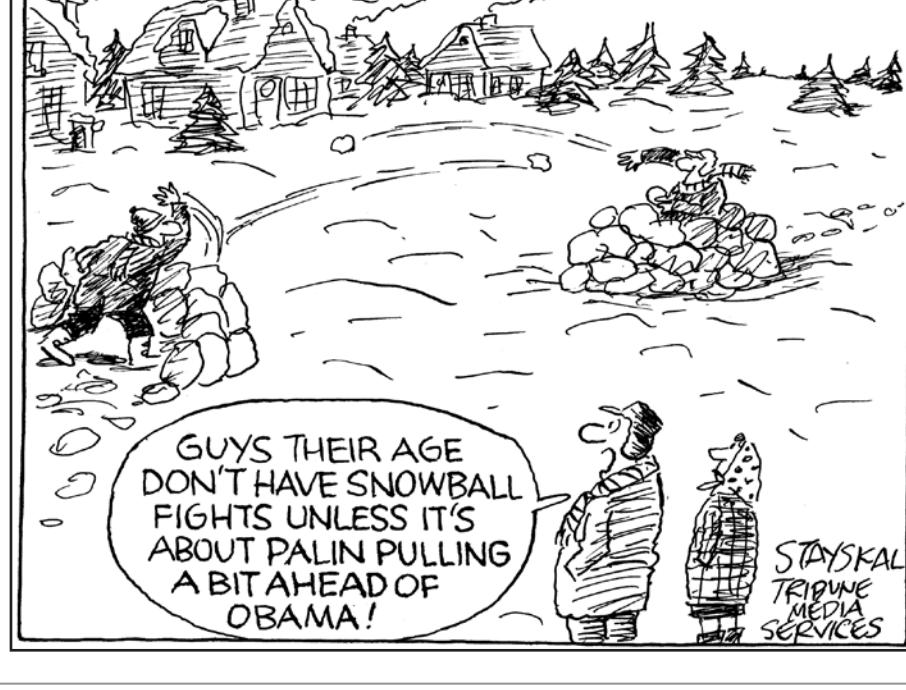
given on two main days a year. Besides those few that do give to those who have none, Christmas today is largely about greed, materialism and excess. The full attention during this holiday day is not given towards people stricken by poverty; it is given to fuel consumerism—toys for the kids, tools to fill the garages of husbands and shiny baubles to decorate the ears, necks, fingers or wrists of women. We can see the overwhelming attention to this by the

American public with Black Friday rushes in stores all over the country.

Don't get us wrong, Christmas is, and should be, a wonderful holiday filled with happiness, joy, compassion and charity. One should celebrate the holidays with gratitude for all they do have. This is the real meaning behind the holidays, not fiction, greed or excess. So be merry, but keep your fellow man in mind in the celebration of a joyous holiday season.

WHAT THE DEUCE

CARTOON



On Dec. 8, Kenneth Biros, who was accused of murdering 22-year-old Tami Engstrom, was executed in Ohio by a new method, the one-drug injection given intravenously. According to the Associated Press, Biros had appealed his execution on the grounds that the currently used three-drug injection was unconstitutional under the 8th Amendment's "cruel and unusual punishment" clause. But his appeal was moot as soon as the state changed its method.

However, critics argue this is just a new form of experimentation because medical officials have not evaluated the one-drug injection properly. First, the idea of a more humane way of taking a life is a contradiction in itself. Second, what person is actually going to volunteer to be experimented on?

MY VIEW

News media should avoid yellow journalism

There is much to be said about news in America; when you turn on the television and the first things heard involve scandals or affairs had by public officials or others in the limelight. In our world of gossip and scandal, it seems that there is truth to the saying "any publicity is good publicity". But is this really a good thing?

It may be true that living a life in front of camera is difficult, but we must remember that life is difficult regardless. As Americans, we pay too much attention to what politicians and public officials are doing in their personal lives when we should focus on real controversy and real issues. Affairs of the heart may tell us characteristics of personality, morality or ethics, but affairs of the mind is where our focus should belong. We need to center more on what is going on with the economy, health care and education instead of who cheated on his wife, or who is embezzling taxpayers' money instead of who cannot be a faithful to their spouse.

It is probably easy to guess



Amanda Petelin
Contributing Columnist

that the latest news with famous golfer Tiger Woods, previous presidential candidate John Edwards and S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford have simply continued to fuel the fire of gossip not only in Hollywood, but on Capitol Hill as well. The news of

Tiger Woods cheating on his super model wife may be more legitimate news for sources such as TMZ or Entertainment Tonight, but there is an issue when World News' biggest story involves the truth about Tiger's numerous transgressions.

The line between objective journalism and yellow journalism was crossed long ago, once we began hearing of misbehavior and disobedience of presidential hopefuls and congressional challengers. But yellow journalism, a type of journalism that downplays legitimate news in favor of eye-catching headlines that sell, should not be replacing the real news of health epidemics, recession busters or other hard-hitting news.

It may be true that Americans like drama; we enjoy hearing that we are not the only people with imperfect lives. In no

way should those gossip focused television shows or newspapers stop the presses anytime soon; that news will always be a source of endless money. However, news stations should uphold a reputation of giving people the news they need to hear, even if it is not always what they want.

Scandal is not always a bad thing; after all, it is the role of the media to be a watchdog for the people. We need to be informed when gubernatorial candidates are being charged with tax evasion, when they funnel taxpayer money into their own pockets or when a political party is undergoing charges of voter fraud. The only purpose of hearing about affairs and adultery is to judge officials for things beyond what we expect them to do.

In an ideal world, politicians would always be honest and caring, but in the real world politicians lie. So is it really that surprising that they could be marked with a scarlet letter? This isn't to say that politicians are bad people, just that they are people. They make mistakes. But the media needs to remember to focus on actual news when necessary, and avoid the gossip when other issues are much more pressing.

MY VIEW

Credit card practices increase mass distrust

By Greg Miller
News Editor

Effective Feb. 22, a new law will prevent banks from hiking rates for minor excuses we've all come to expect: late cell phone payments, late power bill payments or increases on current balances.

The problem: the rates will go up for everyone. According to the Federal Reserve, primary rates may rise from 3.25 percent to 14.9 within the next three months, if customers haven't already seen this. Banks are also setting a bar on minimum rates, so interest rates can't sink to a certain percentage.

Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Citibank, banks bailed out by OUR tax money, are all doing this. Citibank, specifically, raised rates on some cardholders to 29.9 percent on basic purchase rates, not even penalties.

They're taking advantage of the people who bailed them out. They claim these actions are required to be profitable, because these new regulations will inhibit their ability to price risky borrowers correctly.

Practices like these are why there is no confidence in economic recovery. Americans already feel screwed over when they turn on the news and see Wall Street executives reaping the benefits of million dollar bonuses, after their failed businesses begged our legislators for millions because they were "too big to fail".

Now, consumers who

have paid bills on time every month, used their credit cards responsibly and have virtually clean financial records are seeing ten percent increases on their credit card bills and are losing faith in the system. They've done nothing wrong, and now are not only being punished by crooked of "too big" businesses, but by the officials they elected to power.

The legislations designed to protect consumers from unfair credit practices failed before it went into law. The delay in activation of the bill is irresponsible and is giving wall street CEO's exactly what they want, one more way to financially rape middle and low-income families. It's leading many people to ask: wasn't this supposed to be the government of change?

Credit card companies aren't completely to blame for rate increases; there are legitimate reasons to raise rates. Excessive late payments or extreme irresponsibility should be penalized with higher rates.

The problem comes with people who have done everything right, and still can't make ends meet at the end of the month. When they try to work with credit companies, companies don't listen and instead hypocritically lecture customers on financial responsibility.

Spare the hypocrisy, and quit using practices that got you in trouble the first place. People won't be sympathetic during the next bailout plea, and that will translate to next year's midterm elections.

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CAMPUSTALK

Do you think it is appropriate to use the death penalty as punishment?



"I don't think the death penalty is ever right, but it's like 'an eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.' That doesn't get anything accomplished. I don't know where the line is between who committed a crime worthy of being killed and who didn't."

Paige Bartholomew
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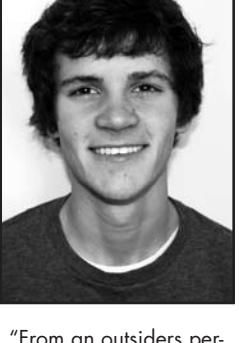
"I believe that the death penalty is a legitimate way if you could have 100 percent proof that killed one or more people."

Miles Skillman
Special Education



"I'm not for sure how I feel, but the death penalty seems like the only reasonable response for the government and those involved or affected."

Katelyn Hansen
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"From an outsiders perspective, I think it's man's attempt to try and control God. But since it doesn't directly affect my family, it's easy to say that. If it did affect my family, it would probably be a different answer."

Ryan Gobet
Business Management



"I don't feel like it's our place to choose if people should live or die, I think it's up to God's will. But I see how financially we are still supporting them even though they don't really have a life in prison."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Nov. 27

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 2800 block of S. Main

Nov. 29

Nicholas A. Wilmes, 30, St. Charles, Iowa, driving while intoxicated, defective equipment, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Dec. 2

Jesse D. Germany, 22, Vincennes, Ind., driving while suspended, improper registration, 400 block of S. Saunders

Schyler A. Wilhelm, 21, Maryville, possession of drug paraphernalia, 600 block of E. Seventh St.

Dec. 4

Mitchell T. Magee, 19, McFall, Mo., minor in possession, 300 block of N. Market

Chavan G. Ganesh, 26,

OBITUARIES

Vera Helen Kelly
1947 - 2009

Vera Helen Kelly, 62, Maryville, formerly of Maitland, Mo., died Sat., Dec. 5, 2009 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born April 29, 1947 in Elmo, Mo., the daughter of Donald Jacob and Edna Lucille Perry Pruitt.

She was a security officer for Kawasaki Manufacturing, Maryville. Vera was a member of the Christian Church, Maitland.

Preceding her in death were her parents; Donald Pruitt and Edna (Perry) Fithen; two sisters, Donna Mae Pruitt and Lois Jean Marks and brother Arthur Leon

Maryville, driving while intoxicated, improper registration, 300 block of N. Market

Harold Y. Hickman IV, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., driving without a valid drivers license, excessive speed, 1800 block of South

Dec. 5

Michael S. Schulte, 34, Maryville, Mo., assault, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Dec. 6

Sean M. Young, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 100 block of S. Mulberry

ACCIDENTS

Rachel A. McCutchern, 18, Maryville, collided with, **Lawrence M. Dampeer**, 24, Maryville, at the intersection of N. Market and E. Second St.

Rachel A. McCutchern, 18, Maryville, failure to obey posted stop sign, N. Market and E. Second St.

Michael R. Wiederholt, 21, Bedford, Iowa, collided with, **Jessie R. Ridenhour**, Maryville, 1300 block of E. First St.

Pruitt.

Her survivors include two daughters; LaDonna (Ken) Jones, Oregon, Mo., Kathryn Kelly of the home; sister-in-law Karen Pruitt, Albion, Iowa; Step-Mother Peggy Pruitt, Marshalltown, Iowa; three grandchildren Toshia Jones, Miranda Jones, and Wyatt Emery; two Aunts Betty (Byron) Osthoff, Shambaugh, Iowa and Helen Hopper, Webb City, Mo.; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other friends and loved ones.

Funeral services: 10 a.m., Fri., Dec. 11, 2009 at the Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Clearmont, Mo. Friends may call anytime at the Funeral Home.

SNOW: Conditions improved, but drivers to remain cautious

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blizzard warnings continued through much of the day Wednesday.

Citywide, drivers overall handled the first major storm of the season well – no major accidents, according to Maryville Public Safety.

Even though temperatures will remain bitterly cold now through late next week at least, emergency shelters will not be set up until the need increases.

"No one is out of power and there is no need for an emergency shelter at this time," Christy Forney, Nodaway County emergency management director, said. Forney hopes people will

continue to stay inside and stay off roadways.

"Local businesses did a tremendous job of letting people stay home," she said, adding those steps helped minimize the threat of accidents on city streets during the height of the storm.

Once there is an influx of people who don't have heat, officials will begin finding places for them.

Even though conditions have improved over the last 18 hours, there are still slick spots on streets, and drivers who don't feel comfortable commuting should still take precautions.

"We don't want people out and about traveling around," Forney said.

TRADITIONS: Students share holiday plans, past experiences

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with me," Benacirri said. "Some holidays in my country I don't get to celebrate."

Benacirri said for these holidays the family will get together and visit with each other while having dinner.

"After Ramadan is finished we have food and cookies and the family invites each other," Benacirri said.

For winter break this year, she plans on visiting her sister in California and said she is excited to see how beautiful it is during Christmas time.

Ha Won Kim is a sophomore from South Korea. She said Christmas time in the states and back home is all the same.

"In my country we have tons of decorations such as trees and lighting everywhere and we spend time with family, friends or loved ones," Kim said. "When I was young I used to send Christ-

mas cards to my friends and family."

She plans on going back home over winter break and visiting family. Kim said Americans seem to celebrate Christmas the same way Koreans do, but Americans enjoy parties more.

"I will try to gather all my friends into the same place and I want to have a big Christmas party with them this year, back home," Kim said.

Kim's family usually goes to church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve and go out to eat a special dinner or lunch at a luxury place on Christmas Day.

"I love seeing people from different countries celebrate Christmas with their own way," Kim said. "I am just counting the days left. Sometimes I am too excited and forget I have finals before going home."

HUNTER: Freshman has different view on world, college journey

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readiness of 98 percent, meaning virtually all of the aircrafts in the unit were ready at all times.

"We were ready to go at a moment's notice; never a moment off. It was my job to make sure the aircraft was ready," said Hunter. "We were the only army unit to ever get a marine award for the work we did."

After returning home and leaving the military in Jan. 2006, as a native of Fairfax, Mo., Hunter worked in hog barns west of Maryville, until one day a life change was in store.

"I decided I didn't want to be a hog farmer all of my life; I wanted to go to college," Hunter said. "I worked for 12 years, busting my ass. This is as good as it's ever going to get without getting a degree. When you get to a certain point, you can't advance anymore. It's time to go back to school."

Hunter has served his time in the military and now it is time to start a new chapter in his life.

"I've done my time. It's time to live for myself," Hunter said. "I've lived for the nation, now it's time to live for myself."

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CHUCK PLACE

A LOST LEGEND

By Philip Gruenwald
Missourian Reporter

Charles "Chuck" Place's recent death on Nov. 27 has left associates, family and admirers mourning his loss. Place's influence was as widespread and multi-faceted as his interests. He gave, supported and volunteered as his charitable heart wished, leaving countless in sorrow at his death.

Place graduated from Northwest in the fall of 1972 before rising to the top of Place's Discount Stores and making it employee-owned. After retiring in 1999, he focused even more of his attention on charity. Chuck served as the president of the Foundation Board at Northwest from 04-06. There, his bond financing largely funded the football stadium construction and production of the Studio Theater Project, as well as the Valk renovation. He was a representative of the Northwest Foundation Board for the most recent Presidential Search, which elected John Jasinski. He was an avid football supporter, penning articles in his Bearcat Fan Newsletter and the Albany Ledger. He and his wife, Linda, could also be seen attending nearly every fine arts performance and was a frequent visitor to the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts, according to Orrie Covert and Linda Ruhl at the University Advisement Office.

To sum up the selfless life of such a man, one would look first to a close friend; Rodney Harris shares his thoughts and condolences on the legacy of Chuck Place.

Q: How were you first introduced to Chuck? **Q:** How did you and Chuck know each other? **Q:** It sounds like his influence reached a lot of people. **Q:** Is there a single claim to greatness that he will be remembered for? **Q:** What are ways the University can keep his legacy going?

A: Ever since I was a kid I knew about the Place family through Place's Discount Stores in Albany, Mo. Growing up, you couldn't miss them. But I probably didn't meet Chuck until the late '70s or early '80s when he came back to Albany and became the President and CEO of Place.

A: We both call Albany our home, I mean I still live there. I've known him since he came back to Albany many many years ago. We were both involved in the high school – in any small town, the high school is always the hub of the community. We were on the Industrial Development Board for awhile, and were both members of the River Camp in Albany. He was also a good friend to KXCV and KRNW. He gave direction to the district search for a new superintendent as chairman of the Superintendent Search Committee.

A: Chuck was a visionary. He was all about improving the lives of everyone in northwest Missouri – the region as well as the University. He did so many things for so many organizations, yet he always wanted to be behind the scenes. Chuck didn't want the attention on him. Not many people knew about what he did, but he wanted it that way.

A: Oh gosh. I don't know if you can choose just one... he would tell you his wife and three kids. He had been married to Linda for 37 years, and then there's his children Ted, Erin and Nick. He was a big family man. Yeah, he'd say his greatness was his family – his outstanding family.

A: The University can continue to move forward and be progressive. They can really tell the world how great Northwest Missouri State University really is. People say we're Missouri's best-kept secret. Chuck was very proud of his community and University, he'd want us to keep excelling in every way possible.

Chuck was an outstanding person in every sense of the word. He will be missed.

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CENTURIES of MUSIC



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PIANIST PAUL BARNES performs Sunday evening for students at the Charles Johnson Theatre. The concert marked the 200-year anniversary since the birth of German composer Felix Mendelssohn and the death of Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn.

Renowned pianist performs classic works of Haydn, Mendelssohn

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

For nearly 300 years, the world has been witness to the incredible works of Joseph Haydn and Felix Mendelssohn. Their impact on music has made them two of the most important and inspiring composers of the classical period of music. This past Sunday, people were treated to their works in the form of a modern day piano virtuoso by the name of Paul Barnes.

Haydn was an Austrian composer widely renowned with inventing the sonata and developing the piano triad. His work was so extensive and revered that admirers call him the "Father of the Symphony" and the "Father of the String Quartet."

Around the same time that Haydn's legacy was ending, another was beginning. In 1809, the same year that Haydn died, Mendelssohn was born in Germany. While he would not reach the same notability as Haydn did while he was alive, he would eventually reach world recognition as one of the better musicians of the Romantic era and was at the forefront of the revivalist interest in Bach.

Barnes looks to be going down the same road that these successful musicians have been on.

Paul Barnes has become a renowned pianist that has performed all over the world, has appeared in magazines and has had critical success in publications such as the New York Times and the San Francisco Examiner.

According to his official Web site, Barnes has a very minimalist style and in addition to being inspired by Haydn and Mendelssohn, he also follows and plays the works of Philip Glass, which has given him the most success.

With the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, Barnes played Glass's "Piano Concerto No. 2" and received world recognition along with an Emmy and Best Performance Production Award. Since then he has released 11 albums all to critical success.

Barnes would bring his talents to Northwest this week in not only a performing fashion, but a teaching one as well. In addition to a concert on Sunday, he held a piano master class on Monday as well as a classroom lecture.

In addition to his success as a musician, Barnes has also achieved success as a professor while teaching music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Music and has even achieved the award for Teacher of the Year by the Nebraska Music Teachers Association.



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BARNES HELPS JACOB Taylor while helping out in the Piano Mastery Class. Barnes is a renowned pianist who has performed all over the world and teaches music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he has won Teacher of the Year by the Nebraska Music Teachers Association.

Top 3 picks

By Brian Johnson
 Features Editor

Coming to Theaters: "Invictus" opens Friday. The inspirational and sometimes unbelievable story of Nelson Mandela is brought to the screen as Morgan Freeman looks to bring an Academy Award potential performance. The film follows the true story of the South African rugby team lead by Francois Pienaar, played by Matt Damon, as he tries to unite the country in a time of apartheid by attempting to win the Rugby World Cup. Freeman looks to be the most perfect casting ever for Mandela, not only because he looks like Mandela, but has the acting abilities to make it absolutely believable. Inspirational will be the only word on viewers minds when finished with this movie.

New DVD to rent: "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" is definitely a must-rent. Undoubtedly the best Potter film yet, the movie takes a whole new turn down the dark path of the students and teachers of Hogwarts battle with Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. Daniel Radcliffe who plays Potter is increasingly showing his acting abilities as everyone's favorite wizard, along with Emma Watson and Rupert Grint who certainly hold their own. Watching this dramatic take on the series as well as its shocking ending will make the viewer only excited for the next two final movies to be released in 2010 and 2011.



STROLLER

Your Man wants a Bearcat win

Five in a row, and back up against Grand Valley; way to go guys. I hate to point it out but in the past we have had some trouble winning the big game. I am sure Coach T has got some sure fire strategies, but I have some ideas of my own how we, the student body, can ensure victory.

We all know that the only way to win in football is to have a superstitious fan base that has ridiculous, often completely disgusting pre-game rituals. Football is war, and the best pre-game preparations will win the fight. Shirtless guys, paint it up for the next three days. Sure it's cold, but it shows dedication. For the rest of you, if you don't have what it takes to forsake the shirt for the next few days, show your support by not changing, showering, shaving, or by practicing any other ritual that abandons hygiene.



The Stroller

Miami Quarterback Dan Marino had never beaten Buffalo Quarterback Doug Flutie. His solution: burn 479 boxes of Flutie Flakes. Buffalo's response: eat 78 cans of non-dolphin-safe tuna. The result: Miami 24, Buffalo 17. That should be proof enough that these things work. Since Grand Valley's mascot looks a little bit like Popeye, I propose a campus wide veto on spinach. What the heck is a Laker anyway?

The number one way as a fan to ensure that your Bearcats come out of

this one on top; go to the game. Hubbard once made a campus wide announcement encouraging students to go because this was a once in a life time opportunity. That was in 2005, and doesn't carry as much weight after three other trips to Alabama, but it's still true. Go and support your team and have a good time. Be safe, be smart and go Bearcats.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

REVIEW

Them Crooked Vultures follow the straight path

By Kirsten Capps
Missourian Reporter

Nothing short of musical perfection can be expected when combining the talents of Dave Grohl, Joshua Homme and John Paul Jones. These three musical legends first appeared as Them Crooked Vultures in August, although rumors of the collaboration began in 2005. Each of these three musical geniuses boast

extraordinary accomplishments.

Grohl was the drummer for Nirvana and Queens of the Stone Age as well as other less famous bands including Freak Baby, and Scream. Grohl was the founding member of Foo Fighters and has been the guitarist and singer for the band since 1995. He also collaborated with Tenacious D and appeared in "Tenacious D in the Pick of

Destiny" as Satan.

Musician and producer Joshua Homme has been a member of Kyuss and Queens of the Stone Age and has made appearances in a band he co-founded, Eagles of Metal Death. Homme plays multiple instruments and also sings

John Paul Jones is famous for playing bass, guitar, keyboard and mandolin for Led Zeppelin. He also has experience

as a studio musician and arranger.

Them Crooked Vultures features Grohl on drums and vocals; Homme appears on lead vocals and guitar, and Jones plays bass, keyboard, piano, keytar, slide guitar, mandolin and also vocals.

Them Crooked Vultures self-titled album includes 13 tracks. Their first single, "New Fang" was released on Oct. 26 and a 2009 tour

"Deserve the Future Tour" sold out in the UK before any of the fans had a chance to hear any of the band's songs.

An attempt to describe the sound of this album is like trying to describe a new color. It's almost impossible. Their sound is unique, phenomenal and has somewhat of a jam session experience vibe to it. It is a must-hear for fans of Grohl, Homme and Jones.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year. Yes that's right Christmas is officially here, but that is only half the fun.

The snow has finally hit and it's hit hard, but that can only mean one thing; it's bowl season.

The conference championships are over and only the mediocre and above will be invited to extend their season one more game during Christmas vacation.

For me, I just began to think Santa was stuffing my stocking with coal this year when Nebraska lost to Texas in the final second of the Big 12 Championship, but he redeemed himself by unexplainably getting Husker

stand Ndamukong Suh invited to the Heisman ceremony on Sunday.

I doubt even Santa can help bring home the bronze statue, but I can dream can't I?

Don't get me wrong, I absolutely hate the snow, and cold weather is the last thing I want, but summer vacation doesn't have anything on Christmas break.

In our three-week hiatus from school, it's completely acceptable for me to lock myself in my house and stay glued to the best match-ups college football has to offer.



Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

Besides the Holiday bowl rematch of Nebraska and Arizona, I think the bowl game I am anticipating most is Boise State and TCU.

I think this battle of undefeated teams will be far more interesting than the National Championship match up of No. 1 and No. 2.

I think Texas showed in the Big 12 title game that when facing a stout defense, Colt McCoy and his high-powered offense can easily be tamed.

Also, Alabama's offense will be more than capable of outscoring the Horns.

Hopefully, my predictions are wrong though because watching a nail biting National Championship would be the perfect ending to my Christmas story.

So everyone mark your calendars and grab your hot cocoa. Bowl games officially kick off on Dec. 19 when Wyoming takes on Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl.

Don't worry if that doesn't quite tickle your fancy because the games will grow increasingly more intriguing as the holiday season continues.

So to all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy bowl Season.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (21-21)

NCAA Lock

Marq at Wisconsin — Marquette This is the game where the Golden Eagles get on the map.

NFL Lock

Philadelphia at NYG — Philly The Eagles are actually underdogs in this game, but I think with the division riding on the line you can count on Philly to fly high. Look for McNabb and Co. to continue the Eagles three game win streak. An Eagles win and a Dallas loss puts Philly in the driver seat for the NFC East.

NFL Upset

Cincinnati at Minn. — Natty This is the year the Bengals make a playoff run. Carson Palmer, Chad Ochocinco, Cedric Benson, the pieces are in place. The talent is there. Now they face a tough challenge in Brett Favre in the Vikings, but I think they win.

Jason's Picks

Prediction record (20-22)

NCAA Lock

Syracuse at Florida — Orange Syracuse is 8-0 and leading their conference. They knocked off Carolina earlier in the season and are coming off a blowout win over Maine. It'll be a close one as Florida shocked Michigan State earlier this season.

NFL Lock

Denver at Indianapolis — Indy The Colts will keep it rolling against a Denver team that is very streaky. Denver's streak will run out again after a big win over the Chiefs.

NFL Upset

San Diego at Dallas — Chargers The Chargers are on a roll right now and will keep it up against the floundering Cowboys. Dallas can't win close games. San Diego will keep on rolling right on into the playoffs.

Tony's Picks

Prediction record (8-8)

NCAA Lock

G-Town at Washington — Hoyas Georgetown looks to continue their programs winning tradition against the Huskies. The Hoyas stingy defense is only allowing 53.2 ppg and should clamp down on the Huskies in this one, and help pull out the road win.

NFL Lock

Pittsburgh at Cleveland — Steelers Big Ben and the rest of the Steelers need to get it on track if they have any visions of limping into the playoffs. Steelers get it done this week in 'The Dog Pound.'

NFL Upset

Washington at Oakland — Raiders The Raiders seem to be riding on the arm of Bruce Gradkowski as of late. Jim Zorn and the Redskins find a way to lose this game and continue their seasons struggles. Raiders pull out a late victory in The Coliseum.

Seth's Picks

Prediction record (15-21)

NCAA Lock

Ohio St. at Butler — Ohio St. I know the Buckeyes lost their best player, but they'll be fine.

NFL Lock

Cincinnati at Minn. — Minn. Minnesota had a misstep last week against the Cardinals, which doesn't bode well for the Bengals. The Vikings will use that loss as a wake-up call, and surge the rest of the season. If QB Brett Favre can try not to revert back to his old ways and throw picks this team should roll over Cincinnati.

NFL Upset

Miami vs. Jacks. — Miami Miami has been successful since RB Ronnie Brown went down for the season. They have a smart mix on offense and a tenacious defense that will shut down the Jaguars.

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What are your plans for the National Championship game?



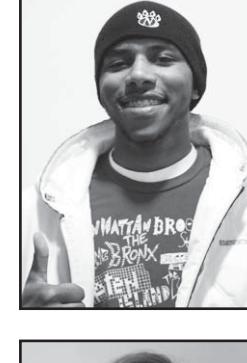
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NORTHWEST ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

LaRon Council



Senior running back LaRon Council rushed for a career-high 216 yards in the Bearcats' 56-31 win over California (Pa.) in the national semifinals. He scored his 20th touchdown of the season on a 5-yard score in the third quarter. He also caught two passes for 26 yards in the victory.

Gentry Dietz



Junior post Gentry Dietz scored a team-high 20 points in Northwest's 88-76 upset over No. 5 Emporia State. Dietz also added six rebounds and three blocked shots. She followed it up by scoring 14 points in a 67-54 loss to Washburn last Saturday.

Meridee Scott



Senior point guard Meridee Scott scored 11 points in the Spoofhounds' 61-35 win over St. Joseph Lafayette in the opening round of the Savannah Invitational. She added a game-high five assists. She scored a team-high 13 points in a 42-38 loss to St. Joseph LeBlond.

Maryville Basketball

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Basketball

The Spoofhounds took home the Savannah Invitational title with a 71-48 win over host Savannah. To get there, they defeated St. Joseph Central 65-33 in the opening round led by seniors Josh Elliot and Keenan Joiner, who had 21 and 18 points, respectively. They defeated Staley 48-44 to advance to the finals.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Injuries affect 'Hounds 2-1 conference record

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

After a long offseason, the Lady Spoofhounds finally found themselves back on the court last week during the Savannah Invitational.

The 'Hounds opened the tournament with a lopsided win over St. Joseph LaFayette, 61-35.

Junior guard Molly Steins led the team with 17 points, while junior guard Mataya Wooten contributed 15 points.

However, in the second game of the tournament, the 'Hounds were not able to handle LeBlond's defensive pressure, turning the ball over 28 times to the Eagles.

Senior All-State point guard Meridee Scott was the only 'Hound to score in double figures against LeBlond, with 13 points.

The 'Hounds finished the tournament with a 68-51 victory over Lincoln Prep Academy.

Head coach Grant Hageman said the girls' lack of consistent basket-



SENIOR GUARD MERIDEE Scott drives towards the basket while battling with a Lafayette defender during the Savannah Invitational tournament. Scott scored 11 points and had five assists in the match.

ball led to a 2-1 tournament record, rather than a possible 3-0 record.

The 'Hounds are also battling two key injuries, guards Emily Kisker and Shannon McClellan, who will return to the lineup later this month.

While the team did not handle LeBlond's pressure, Hageman said they

were able to shoot the ball well in their two wins.

"We shot the ball well in the games we won," Hageman said. "We did a good job of getting to the open shot."

The 'Hounds will be working on taking care of the ball in practice as they prepare for an athletic Hamilton team.

Hageman will also be looking for younger players to step up and fill the void left by injuries.

With Tuesday's night game against LaFayette cancelled due to inclement weather, the 'Hounds will take the court again, Friday at 7 p.m. against Hamilton at Maryville High School.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

A perfect start helps 'Hounds bring home the Savannah Invite

By Trey Williams
Missourian Reporter

Winning certainly is not everything, but it definitely helps, especially when trying to build confidence for an upcoming season.

The Maryville boys basketball team played in the 81st Savannah Invitational tournament last week and had a good showing. The Spoofhounds won the tournament beating Savannah 71-48 on Saturday.

Leading the team to victory was senior center Keenan Joiner, who had 21 points; senior guard Josh Elliot, who put up 20 points and junior guard Tyler Peve, who added to the mix with 19 points.

We have the ability to have people step up on offense and help out with scoring, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds struggled at times during the tournament, having problems on defense and handling the ball with care. Kuwitzky said after the 65-33 win against St. Joseph Central's JV, that if they wanted to beat Staley, they would really have to fix the problems they had against

Central.

"We got better as we went along," Kuwitzky said. "We didn't play well against Staley, but we had big plays that kept us in at the end."

The 'Hounds slid by Staley with a 48-44 victory in the semi-finals. Senior Josh Elliot led the team with 11 points.

Kuwitzky said this year's team is the quickest and the best defensively he's had in a while. He was also very pleased with how his team performed, considering they have not had a lot of practices with the whole team together.

A number of the guys on the team were also a part of the 'Hounds state championship football team.

The 'Hounds played consistent during the tournament which led to the boys' first time winning the tournament in five years.

The guys' confidence is very high after the tournament, Kuwitzky said. "It's a boost for the team and gives us great momentum going into the season."

The boys hit the court again at 5 p.m. tonight against St. Joseph Benton.

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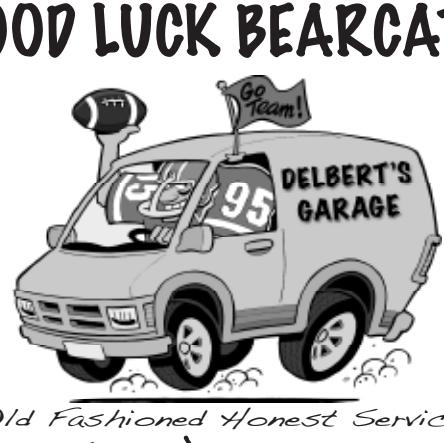
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BEARCATS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bearcats score first conference victory

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Senior guard Edriss Floyd returned after three games away with a head injury to lead the Bearcats to its first conference victory of the season.

"That was a great performance," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We need him to hit shots and he did. Hopefully he continues on that path."

The 'Cats defeated Washburn 81-73 on Saturday at Bearcat Arena, moving to 5-1 on the season and 1-1 in the MIAA.

Floyd scored a team-high 20 points to lead Northwest.

"It feels good," Floyd said. "I've been out for a while, so I've been hungry to get back and tonight was a good night for me. My teammates backed me up and if it wasn't for them setting me up with good passes, I wouldn't have gotten the good shots."

Junior forward Elijah Allen chipped in 14 points and eight rebounds. Senior guard Girod Adams fired in 14 points and dished out a team-high six assists.

The 'Cats controlled the tempo from the opening tip-off, scoring the first six points of the contest, but fell behind 22-17 with seven minutes to go.

"It's the same thing that happened



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FRESHMAN GUARD DESHAUN Cooper shoots past a Washburn defender. Cooper had seven total points, four rebounds and four assists in the 'Cats' 81-73 victory.

last week," McCollum said. "I think we're still maturing as a team and figuring out how to beat teams, keep our foot on the throat and win. That comes with a youthful team, but we're figuring it out."

Northwest took a seven-point lead into halftime following a buzzer-beat-

ing three pointer as time expired.

"We took care of the ball a little bit better down the stretch," McCollum said. "We also defended better and that's what you need to do in close games."

In the second half, the Bearcats jumped out to a 12-point lead with 13 minutes to play, before Washburn put on the press to try and slow down the 'Cats' fast paced offense.

"Guys weren't cutting hard to get open," McCollum said. "It was easy to break once we got it in bounds, we didn't cut hard enough to get open, but we'll work on that."

The referees dictated the second half, as both teams were in the double bonus with eight minutes left in the game, as 50 total fouls were called.

"It makes it a grind," McCollum said. "It takes a little bit of rhythm out of the game. Those were some of the better refs we've seen this year, I think. They called what they saw and thought it was fair. Hopefully, we'll stop fouling at some point."

The Bearcats took the court Wednesday against Fort Hays State in the season's first road game.

"It's going to be tough, we're going to have to guard," McCollum said. "That's what you have to do on the road is get stops and rebound."

Results were not available as of press time.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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FRESHMAN GUARD MONAI Douglass battles with a Washburn defender. The 'Cats dropped the game against the No. 15 Lady Blues only four days after upsetting No. 5 Emporia State. The 'Cats know they can compete in the MIAA, but still hope to find out if they can consistently win in the tough conference, head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

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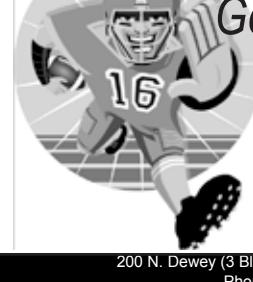
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'Cats return to National Title game against familiar opponent

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Bearcats cashed their ticket to Florence, Al., for an unprecedented fifth consecutive year by defeating California (Pa.) 56-31 last weekend.

"It's exciting; we're really proud of what these guys have accomplished," head coach Mel Tjeerdtsma said. "Those other four are all history, so you can't say much about those. For this group to reload again this year when we only had two starters back on offense, makes me proud of their efforts and where they've gotten to."

Northwest advanced to the Championship game behind three touchdowns from sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy and RS-Fr. Billy Creason. LaRon Council rushed for a career high 216 yards and a score in the game.

They will face off against Grand Valley State who defeated Carson-Newman 41-27 in the semifinals.

Running back P.T. Gates, filling in for the suspended

James Berezik, rushed for 187 yards and two touchdowns. He also caught four passes for 70 yards to pace the Laker offense.

This will be the third time in five years that the Bearcats and Lakers have met up for the National Title. Grand Valley won the previous two meetings in title game.

"It's a rivalry game, I guess you could say," senior safety Myles Burnsides said. "We kind of run into each other somewhere or other every year, since I've been here. We've got them last a couple times, but they got us in the title game when I was younger. It's an exciting game; it's going to be a physical game."

The Lakers use a ball-control offense to keep the opposing teams defense on the field and wear them down.

They feature the eighth-rated rush offense in the nation at 237.3 yards per game on the ground.

"They're really solid; they try and control the game," Tjeerdtsma said. "They do a good job offen-

sively. We have to play well up front, that's where it all starts. We have some great linebackers, but we've got to get stops up front."

Quarterback Brad Iciek is the fifth most efficient passer and is a three-time Harlon Hill Finalist, leading the 11th ranked offense in the country.

"It's going to be tough (to slow them down)," Burnsides said. "They're a good team, they're well-coached, they do a lot of different things offensively. They like to run the ball and be physical with you up front at first. We'll just try to limit the big plays and keep them in front of us and tackle well."

The Laker defense is only giving up 16.9 points per game, 11th in the nation.

"We're just going to have to come out and play physical, play relaxed and I think we'll be alright," Council said. "We need to go out and be ourselves, I think that's the thing we did Saturday. We had fun and it kind of showed in that game."

This will be the final game for the illustrious senior class that went 36-0 in

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Northwest	Grand Valley
482	Total Offense 455.1
315.6	Total Defense 300.6
175.9	Rushing Offense 237.3
88.5	Rushing Defense 90.5
306.1	Passing Offense 217.8
227.1	Passing Defense 210.1
43	Scoring Offense 36.8
18.4	Scoring Defense 16.9
18	Turnovers Lost 10
35	Turnovers Gained 30
23.7	Kickoff Returns 23.3
12.2	Punt Returns 8
3.36	Sacks 3.21
1.71	Sacks Allowed .57

conference play and finished all four seasons in Florence.

"It's crazy, they always say it goes by fast, but it really does," Burnsides said. "The way to go out is on top, definitely. It'll be a tough battle. I'll definitely miss the guys I've played with and the relationships I've built here."

Kick-off is scheduled for noon on Saturday at Braly Memorial Stadium. ESPN2 will broadcast the game live.

